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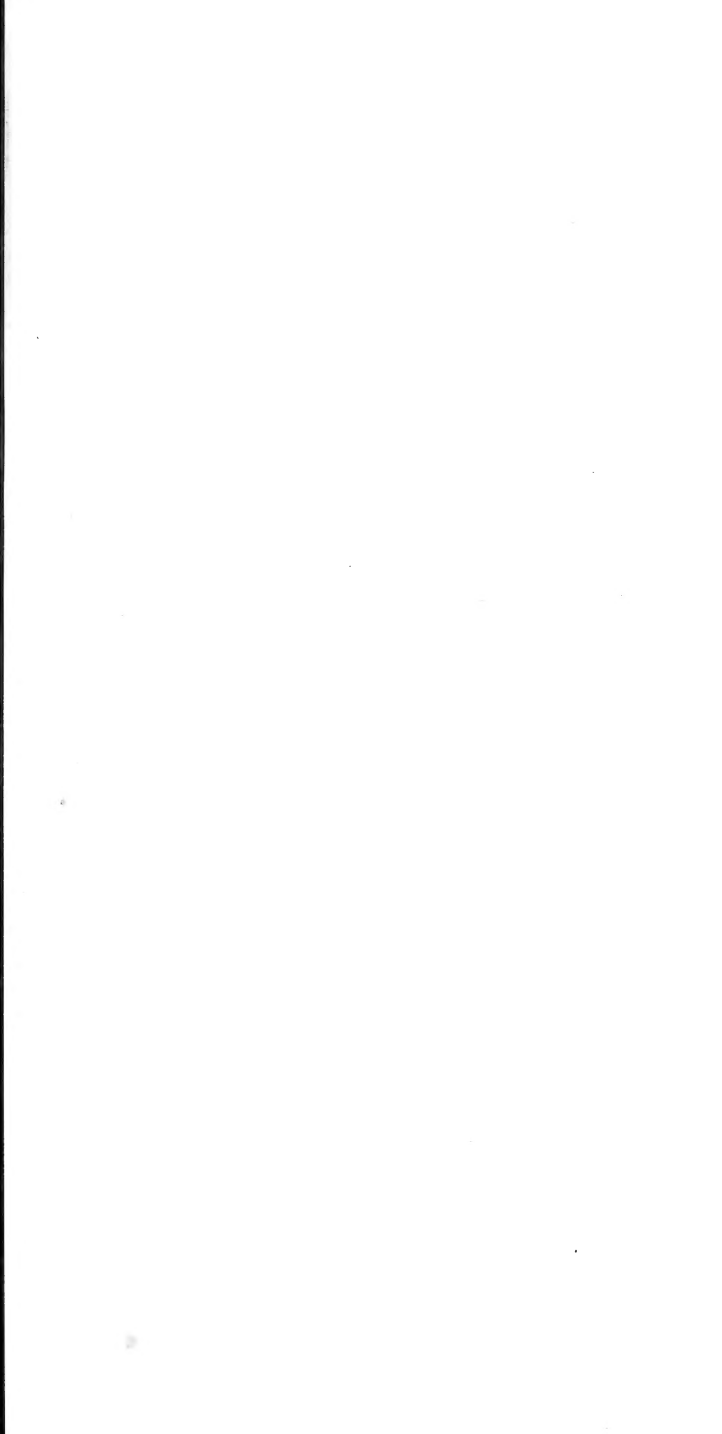
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SELECT **TOMATO** **SEEDS**

1906
CROP

GROWN BY
W. H. BARRETT
ADRIAN, MICH.





"None Better, Few as Good."



SELECT TOMATO SEEDS.



1906 Crop.



**PURE STOCK,
SYSTEMATIC METHODS,
EXTREME CARE,
PERSONAL ATTENTION.**



W. H. BARRETT, Adrian, Mich.



Varieties for **1906**

Sparks' Earliana,

Early Michigan,

Acme,

Beauty,

Stone,

Perfection,

Paragon,

Favorite,

Royal Red,

Matchless,

Improved Trophy.

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**TERMS: June 1st acceptanee, or 5
per cent. discount for cash in 10
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THIS YEAR I have added to my list, Sparks' Earliana, and have made a change in terms, which will now be June first, 1907, with acceptance or 5 per cent. discount for cash in 10 days from date of invoice.

My methods of producing Tomato Seeds differ from those of other growers. I want them to be different.

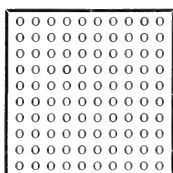
My ambition is not wholly commercial. I hope to merit the reputation of producing the very highest type of tomato seeds obtainable.

I first depended on others for stock seeds, but soon found it necessary to produce them, and in order to have the best, I established a stock seed department where we are now growing our own, and are, by careful and intelligent selection, improving and fixing desirable qualities and retaining a true type of each variety.

We begin by securing the best possible strain and the first year select from a field an ideal plant taking into account and noting carefully size, hardiness, earliness and productiveness of this individual; also size, form, color and weight of fruit.

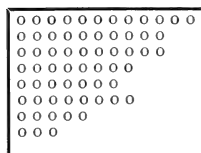
o First Year—"Best Parent Plant."
Product, "Stock Seed A."

The next year this seed is used to set a "Select Plat" of 100 plants. From these are selected as the first year, 10 plants and one bushel of tomatoes. From this bushel we secure "Stock Seed B."



Second Year—"Select Plat."
Product, "Stock Seed B."

The third year, the "Seed Stock B," the product from a bushel from ten best plants, and descended from the parent plant of the previous year, is used for a "Stock Plat," usually an acre or more. This acre is carefully inspected a number of times and final selection made for "Stock Seed C" thus:



"Stock Plat."

Product, "Stock Seed C."

A selection is made the second year also from "Select Plat" for "Best Parent Plant" for that year.

All this detail is exacting and expensive

but the work has been in charge of a capable, enthusiastic and conscientious assistant and the results have been really surprising.

The records show marked improvement in all desirable characteristics, the changes in size and form of fruit being clearly apparent to even a non-professional. The productiveness of some sorts has been increased 25 per cent.

But superior stock counts for little unless location and methods are right.

Southern Michigan is an ideal location for the production of Tomato Seeds. The growing season is short and nature aids the plant to reproduce its kind by hastening the growth and development of fruit, and crowding the fruiting period into a few weeks. This early habit becomes fixed in stock grown and bred here. These are facts on which most authorities are firmly in accord.

I send out no seeds other than my own growing and from my own stock.

The ripe Tomatoes of each variety are delivered to a central point for that sort, where, after careful inspection, all the

seeding, curing, cleaning and bagging are done by my own experienced men, who have nothing to do with any other sort than their own.

My buildings, tools, machines and drying frames are separate and distinct for each sort.

It can be seen that each process, from the selection and growing of the stock seeds, to the final bagging and shipping of the product, is done according to a carefully arranged system. Mistakes are next to impossible. If one occurs, or if there is a doubt even, the lot of seeds affected is immediately destroyed.

I do not pick or save the small or late green Tomatoes. The vitality of seeds taken from such Tomatoes is very poor and when used for planting, the result is late and inferior fruit.

These methods have been developed during nineteen years of experience, and from my ideal of conscientious seed growing and square treatment of my friends. The result has been far beyond my most sanguine expectations.

I make the lowest price possible, consistent with the fine quality I produce.

I aim to accept growing orders conservatively and do my best to deliver in full. Last year the only variety short was Matchless and I shall double the acreage of this.

In case I have a surplus I protect my trade by offering it at the same or an advanced price only.

I am also prepared to grow a limited quantity of **Boston Marrow Squash** from my own choice strain of stock, which has been selected by me personally for nineteen years. The fruits are of good size, deep orange color mottled with cream, the flesh fine grained and thick.



1906 CROP TOMATOES



Sparks' Earliana

A smooth, deep red Tomato. The vines are compact in growth, with short, close-jointed branches. This is an extra early tomato and the best so far produced. Very productive. Fruit fair size and firm. In 1905 test it ripened fruit in 108 days from date of sowing seed. This is my first year with this sort, but I have secured a fine strain of stock from a reliable grower.



Early Michigan

Vines large, with large, dark green leaves, vigorous and productive, being under high culture one of the heaviest croppers; fruit medium size to large, and, unlike most varieties, grows larger as the season advances, perfectly smooth, solid, but without any core; deep, rich red color, and of excellent flavor. Its first fruits are very early, but the vines continue to bear for a long time.



Acme

Vine hardy and productive. Fruit in clusters of four or five, round, smooth and of good size; flesh solid and of excellent flavor. There is no better variety for market gardeners who want an early purple fruited sort.



Beauty

Vines large, vigorous and heavy bearers; fruit large, uniform in size, very smooth, and excellent flavor; color purplish pink.



Stone

Vines vigorous and productive; fruit large, smooth, deep red in color, and very heavy. The best all around variety where earliness is not important.

Perfection A smooth, blood red tomato. Ripens with Acme and a week or ten days earlier than the Stone. A desirable sort for gardeners who require a red tomato.



Paragon Livingston says: "Many gardeners, canners, and catsup makers will have no other. It is a large variety, larger than several of the standard kinds cultivated. An immense cropper. Flesh solid, well colored and flavored. Ripens between the early and late varieties, grows vigorously and no variety holds its size better late in the season. Color of skin, glossy deep red."



Favorite This is a very popular variety. Fruit dark red color, smooth; flesh firm, and fine flavored. A very heavy cropper.



Royal Red Vines stronger and more vigorous than the Favorite. Fruit large and bright red.



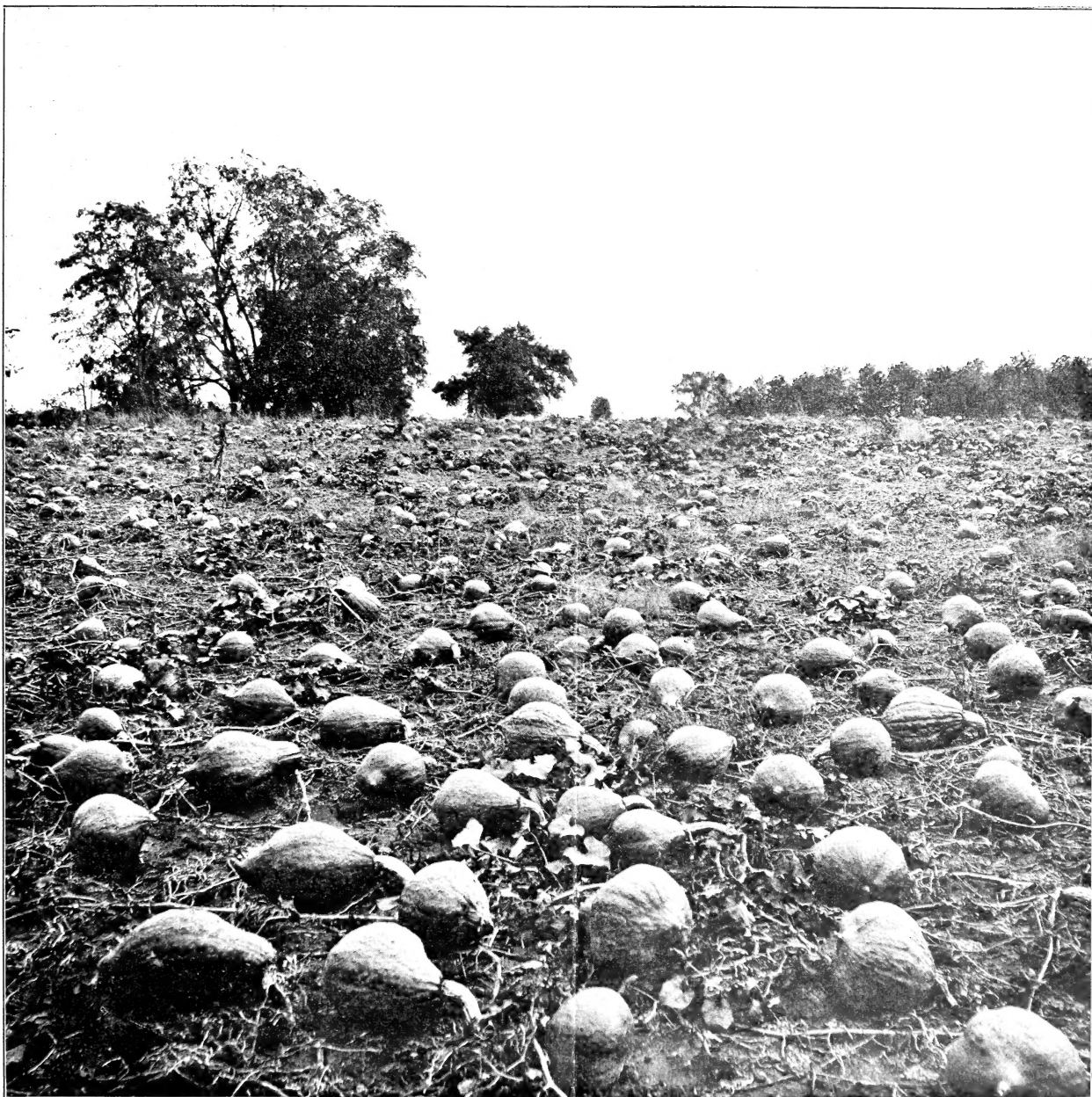
Matchless The color is rich cardinal red. The skin is so tough that it is a splendid keeper and shipper, and is less liable to crack in wet weather than any other large tomato. Unsurpassed for market or for table. The plant is a strong grower, and is very productive, bearing with undiminished vigor until frost. The fruit is free from core, and the seed spaces are comparatively small.



Improved Trophy Vines large, vigorous and productive. Fruit deep, rich red, solid, smooth and fine flavored.

In asking for prices for growing, please give an estimate of your probable needs of the different sorts.

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BOSTON MARROW SQUASH, 16 TONS PER ACRE.

